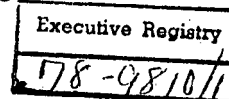
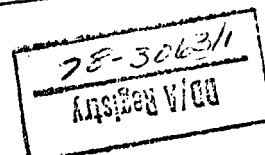


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7 AUG 1978



MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Administration

25X1 FROM :   
Director of Communications

SUBJECT : Status of the Draft National COMSEC  
Directive

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REFERENCE : OC-M78-568 dated 3 August 1978

25X1 1. ☐ Action Requested: No action is required. This memorandum is to advise you on developments since the date of the reference with regard to the subject.

25X1 2. ☐ Background: On 3 August 1978 members of the former USCSB met to consider adoption of a National COMSEC Directive. The results of the meeting follow:

a. State Department raised the issue that the proposed National Communications Security Committee should establish policy for the Executive Agent to be issued by the Special Coordinating Committee. The State position was supported by CIA, Department of Treasury and the Navy. The Committee Chairman (the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Communications, Command, Control and Intelligence) felt that the wording of PD-24 clearly indicated that the Executive Agent would establish policy and therefore the Committee could serve only as an advisory body. The Chairman intends to raise the issue with Dr. Press for clarification. *12 AUG 1978* *Agree*

b. On behalf of CIA, the undersigned raised the issue of COMINT threat assessments stating that the assignment of such responsibility is the DCI's prerogative and outside the purview of this Committee. The U.S. Air Force agreed that production of threat assessments is a CIA responsibility. *DCI* NSA disagreed with the position and commented that it has been doing COMINT threat assessments because no one else has the technical capability. The Chairman asked NSA and CIA to resolve the issue outside the Committee and provide recommended changes to the draft Directive.

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3. ☐ Staff Position: Efforts to resolve these issues in favor of the CIA positions will continue. Any recommended changes to the draft Directive will be coordinated with

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cc: Special Assistant to the  
DCI for Counterintelligence

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

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Director of Communications

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